

TOOK FIFTY-SIX

Ballots did the Martin's Ferry Convention and Then

ADJOURNED TO THIS MORNING.

Weems the Leading Candidate, but far From Having Votes

SUFFICIENT TO NOMINATE.

Belmont Candidate has the Solid Support of his Home County, Though General Hollingsworth Got Two from Belmont for a Few Ballots—All the Indications Favor a Prolonged Contest in the Convention—The Resolutions Strongly Endorse the President's Administration—Judge DeFord's Great Speech is a Campaign Keynote.

Three sessions of the congressional convention of the Republicans of the Sixteenth (Ohio) district were held yesterday at Martin's Ferry. The convention organized in the morning, with Judge U. C. De Ford, of Carroll, as permanent chairman; committees reported, resolutions were adopted, the names of candidates presented and nineteen ballots taken in the afternoon; while at the evening session, which lasted about an hour, thirty-six additional and equally as ineffectual ballots were taken. This summarizes the story of the convention up to date in a nutshell.

Of the several candidates, Mr. Weems occupies far the most formidable position, and the sentiment outside the convention seems to be general that he will come out of this fight winner of the prize. To begin with, he leads his nearest opponent, Mr. Gill, to the extent of nine votes. Then, too, he has his county solidly now, and it is claimed the two doubtful ones who at one stage yesterday voted for Hollingsworth, will not again leave the Weems column. Also, it is difficult to figure out any combination that looks like a winner which hasn't Big Belmont's "sixty-one" in its composition. On the other hand, it is easy to figure certain combinations by which Belmont, with not a great deal of help from other counties can win out handily. Here are a few of them:

Belmont and Harrison, just enough to nominate.

Belmont, Carroll and three votes from Monroe, just enough to nominate.

Belmont, Monroe and eleven scattering votes, just enough to nominate.

On the other hand, Mr. Hollingsworth and Gill have to figure on many more outside votes before they can make a winning tabulation.

Last night found the Weems people more confident than any of the others. When two votes went from Weems to Hollingsworth just before the afternoon adjournment, it was feared the Belmont candidate could not again command the solid support of his home county, but when the night session balloting commenced old Belmont once again swung into line with sixty-one solid plunkers for Mr. Weems, an announcement that created enthusiasm in the convention hall, both in the galleries and on the floor. The lone Mansfield, delegate from Jefferson county, also, for a time last night, cast his vote for Gill, and the Steubenville boomers became quite enthusiastic, but soon Delegate Voorhees changed back to his favorite, Mansfield.

There is some talk to the effect that the Harrison delegation, which so far has voted solidly for Hollingsworth, cannot be held for the home candidate indefinitely, but this rumor is strenuously denied by General Hollingsworth's lieutenants and may be without foundation. It is said Mr. Weems stands well with the Harrisonians as a second choice, but it is not seriously believed they can be swung over to the Belmont man before Hollingsworth gives the word. It is said Hollingsworth and Gill are not particularly close, and that of the two, Weems and Gill, Hollingsworth would rather see the former win, if he cannot. Some betting was indulged in at Martin's Ferry last night, and bets were made on Weems against the field. This, however, reflects the local sentiment for the home candidate rather than any indication that Weems has the prize in sight.

During the day many Wheeling Republicans were in Martin's Ferry in the role of interested spectators. Among them were Sheriff Richards, A. S. Bell, W. H. Curtis, Collector Hall, Circuit Clerk Harding, Chief of Police Clemens, City Solicitor Nesbitt and others. Without exception, they are Weems men, and would be delighted if the convention were to come to the conclusion that the Belmont candidate is just the proper size. They remember Mr. Weems' efficient service on the stump in West Virginia campaigns and are his hearty well wishers in anything he goes after.

The following table shows the changes in the balloting, and will be continued through the convention:

BALLOTS	Weems.	Hollingsworth.	Gill.	Finkle.	Scattering.
1st to 16th.....	61	31	22	19	19
17th to 19th.....	62	32	23	20	20
20th to 21st.....	63	33	24	21	21
22nd to 23rd.....	64	34	25	22	22
24th to 25th.....	65	35	26	23	23
26th to 27th.....	66	36	27	24	24
28th to 29th.....	67	37	28	25	25
30th to 31st.....	68	38	29	26	26
32nd to 33rd.....	69	39	30	27	27
34th to 35th.....	70	40	31	28	28
36th to 37th.....	71	41	32	29	29
38th to 39th.....	72	42	33	30	30
40th to 41st.....	73	43	34	31	31
42nd to 43rd.....	74	44	35	32	32
44th to 45th.....	75	45	36	33	33
46th to 47th.....	76	46	37	34	34
48th to 49th.....	77	47	38	35	35
50th to 51st.....	78	48	39	36	36
52nd to 53rd.....	79	49	40	37	37
54th to 55th.....	80	50	41	38	38
56th to 57th.....	81	51	42	39	39
58th to 59th.....	82	52	43	40	40
60th to 61st.....	83	53	44	41	41
62nd to 63rd.....	84	54	45	42	42
64th to 65th.....	85	55	46	43	43
66th to 67th.....	86	56	47	44	44
68th to 69th.....	87	57	48	45	45
70th to 71st.....	88	58	49	46	46
72nd to 73rd.....	89	59	50	47	47
74th to 75th.....	90	60	51	48	48
76th to 77th.....	91	61	52	49	49
78th to 79th.....	92	62	53	50	50
80th to 81st.....	93	63	54	51	51
82nd to 83rd.....	94	64	55	52	52
84th to 85th.....	95	65	56	53	53
86th to 87th.....	96	66	57	54	54
88th to 89th.....	97	67	58	55	55
90th to 91st.....	98	68	59	56	56
92nd to 93rd.....	99	69	60	57	57
94th to 95th.....	100	70	61	58	58
96th to 97th.....	101	71	62	59	59
98th to 99th.....	102	72	63	60	60
100th to 101st.....	103	73	64	61	61
102nd to 103rd.....	104	74	65	62	62
104th to 105th.....	105	75	66	63	63
106th to 107th.....	106	76	67	64	64
108th to 109th.....	107	77	68	65	65
110th to 111st.....	108	78	69	66	66
112th to 113th.....	109	79	70	67	67
114th to 115th.....	110	80	71	68	68
116th to 117th.....	111	81	72	69	69
118th to 119th.....	112	82	73	70	70
120th to 121st.....	113	83	74	71	71
122nd to 123rd.....	114	84	75	72	72
124th to 125th.....	115	85	76	73	73
126th to 127th.....	116	86	77	74	74
128th to 129th.....	117	87	78	75	75
130th to 131st.....	118	88	79	76	76
132nd to 133rd.....	119	89	80	77	77
134th to 135th.....	120	90	81	78	78
136th to 137th.....	121	91	82	79	79
138th to 139th.....	122	92	83	80	80
140th to 141st.....	123	93	84	81	81
142nd to 143rd.....	124	94	85	82	82
144th to 145th.....	125	95	86	83	83
146th to 147th.....	126	96	87	84	84
148th to 149th.....	127	97	88	85	85
150th to 151st.....	128	98	89	86	86
152nd to 153rd.....	129	99	90	87	87
154th to 155th.....	130	100	91	88	88
156th to 157th.....	131	101	92	89	89
158th to 159th.....	132	102	93	90	90
160th to 161st.....	133	103	94	91	91
162nd to 163rd.....	134	104	95	92	92
164th to 165th.....	135	105	96	93	93
166th to 167th.....	136	106	97	94	94
168th to 169th.....	137	107	98	95	95
170th to 171st.....	138	108	99	96	96
172nd to 173rd.....	139	109	100	97	97
174th to 175th.....	140	110	101	98	98
176th to 177th.....	141	111	102	99	99
178th to 179th.....	142	112	103	100	100
180th to 181st.....	143	113	104	101	101
182nd to 183rd.....	144	114	105	102	102
184th to 185th.....	145	115	106	103	103
186th to 187th.....	146	116	107	104	104
188th to 189th.....	147	117	108	105	105
190th to 191st.....	148	118	109	106	106
192nd to 193rd.....	149	119	110	107	107
194th to 195th.....	150	120	111	108	108
196th to 197th.....	151	121	112	109	109
198th to 199th.....	152	122	113	110	110
200th to 201st.....	153	123	114	111	111
202nd to 203rd.....	154	124	115	112	112
204th to 205th.....	155	125	116	113	113
206th to 207th.....	156	126	117	114	114
208th to 209th.....	157	127	118	115	115
210th to 211st.....	158	128	119	116	116
212nd to 213rd.....	159	129	120	117	117
214th to 215th.....	160	130	121	118	118
216th to 217th.....	161	131	122	119	119
218th to 219th.....	162	132	123	120	120
220th to 221st.....	163	133	124	121	121
222nd to 223rd.....	164	134	125	122	122
224th to 225th.....	165	135	126	123	123
226th to 227th.....	166	136	127	124	124
228th to 229th.....	167	137	128	125	125
230th to 231st.....	168	138	129	126	126
232nd to 233rd.....	169	139	130	127	127
234th to 235th.....	170	140	131	128	128
236th to 237th.....	171	141	132	129	129
238th to 239th.....	172	142	133	130	130
240th to 241st.....	173	143	134	131	131
242nd to 243rd.....	174	144	135	132	132
244th to 245th.....	175	145	136	133	133
246th to 247th.....	176	146	137	134	134
248th to 249th.....	177	147	138	135	135
250th to 251st.....	178	148	139	136	136
252nd to 253rd.....	179	149	140	137	137
254th to 255th.....	180	150	141	138	138
256th to 257th.....	181	151	142	139	139
258th to 259th.....	182	152	143	140	140
260th to 261st.....	183	153	144	141	141
262nd to 263rd.....	184	154	145	142	142
264th to 265th.....	185	155	146	143	143
266th to 267th.....	186	156	147	144	144
268th to 269th.....	187	157	148	145	145
270th to 271st.....	188	158	149	146	146
272nd to 273rd.....	189	159	150	147	147
274th to 275th.....	190	160	151	148	148
276th to 277th.....	191	161	152	149	149
278th to 279th.....	192	162	153	150	150
280th to 281st.....	193	163	154	151	151
282nd to 283rd.....	194	164	155	152	152
284th to 285th.....	195	165	156	153	153
286th to 287th.....	196	166	157	154	154
288th to 289th.....	197	167	158	155	155
290th to 291st.....	198	168	159	156	156
292nd to 293rd.....	199	169	160	157	157
294th to 295th.....	200	170	161	158	158
296th to 297th.....	201	171	162	159	159
298th to 299th.....	202	172	163	160	160
300th to 301st.....	203	173	164	161	161
302nd to 303rd.....	204	174	165	162	162
304th to 305th.....	205	175	166	163	163
306th to 307th.....	206	176	167	164	164
308th to 309th.....	207	177	168	165	165
310th to 311st.....	208	178	169	166	166
312nd to 313rd.....	209	179	170	167	167
314th to 315th.....	210	180	171	168	168
316th to 317th.....	211	181	172	169	169
318th to 319th.....	212	182	173	170	170
320th to 321st.....	213	183	174	171	171
322nd to 323rd.....	214	184	175	172	172
324th to 325th.....	215	185	176	173	173
326th to 327th.....	216	186	177	174	174
328th to 329th.....	217	187	178	175	175
330th to 331st.....	218	188	179	176	176
332nd to 333rd.....	219	189	180	177	177
334th to 335th.....	220	190	181	178	178
336th to 337th.....	221	191	182	179	179
338th to 339th.....	222	192	183	180	180
340th to 341st.....	223	193	184	181	181
342nd to 343rd.....	224	194	185	182	182
344th to 345th.....	225	195	186	183	183
346th to 347th.....	226	196	187	184	184
348th to 349th.....	227	197	188	185	185
350th to 351st.....	228	198	189	186	186
352nd to 353rd.....	229	199	190	187	187
354th to 355th.....	230	200	191	188	188
356th to 357th.....	231	201	192	189	189
358th to 359th.....	232	202	193	190	190
360th to 361st.....	233	203	194	191	191
362nd to 363rd.....	234	204	195	192	192
364th to 365th.....	235	205	196	193	193
366th to 367th.....	236	206	197	194	194
368th to 369th.....	237	207	198	195	195
370th to 371st.....	238	208	199	196	196
372nd to 373rd.....	239	209	200	197	197
374th to 375th.....	240	210	201	198	198
376th to 377th.....	241	211	202	199	199